

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-7 remain in the application with claims 1 and 6 having been amended hereby. Claims 3-4 and 8-37 have been previously canceled.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,209,092 to Linnartz, and of the rejection of claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Linnartz in view of U.S. Patent 5,513,260 to Ryan.

Independent claim 1, as amended, relates to a recording method for a record medium including selecting one or more of a plurality of pieces of input data to receive management information, adding right information containing at least copyright management information individually to the selected pieces of input data, performing a signal process on the plurality of pieces of input data including the selected ones of the plurality of pieces of input data to which the right information has been added, and recording the processed data on the record medium.

Linnartz relates to recording and reproducing content information and supplemental information. An encoded signal representing the content information and a watermark pattern representing the supplemental information are recorded.

Ryan relates to a method and apparatus for protecting

copyright discs and replaying the discs on a system that is capable of replaying either copyright protected or non-protected discs.

The cited art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest selecting one or more of a plurality of pieces of input data to receive management information, adding right information containing at least copyright management information individually to the selected pieces of input data, and performing a signal process on the plurality of pieces of input data.

The Examiner alleges that Linnartz teaches adding copyright management information to selected ones of a plurality of pieces of input data. However, Linnartz relates to encoding a watermark pattern to the entire content information of a disc. Linnartz fails to teach or suggest that one or more pieces of input data are selected for receiving management information and that management information is added individually to the selected pieces.

Claims 1-2 and 5-7 are believed to be patentably distinct over the cited art for at least the above reasons. Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that record medium, recording apparatus for record medium, recording method for record medium, reproducing apparatus for record

medium, reproducing medium for record medium, and data output controlling method, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited references.

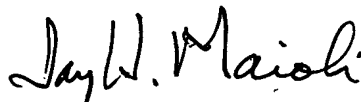
The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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